



SUPREME COURT OF ARKANSAS

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COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE

JOHN MAUZY PITTMAN TO RETIRE

Arkansas Court of Appeals Judge John Mauzy Pittman will not seek re-election when his term ends in 2014. He will have served 22 years on the Court of Appeals, the longest of any other Arkansas Court of Appeals judge. He served as chief judge from 2005 through 2008.

Redistricting to achieve demographic balance of Arkansas judicial districts caused Pittman's district to change twice. He elected to run in newly-created District One, Position One in 2006.

"The Arkansas judicial system is better for the changes. I am convinced that diversity is an asset to the Court of Appeals because it improves the application of law. Diverse backgrounds and experiences within a decision-making body generate valuable and expanded insight and perspectives," Pittman said.

A resident of Judicial District One in Eastern Arkansas, Pittman practiced law in Helena-West Helena after graduation in 1968 from the University of Arkansas School of Law. He was elected chancery judge of the First Judicial District in 1982 and to the Arkansas Court of Appeals in 1992. He holds membership in the Pulaski County Bar Association, the Arkansas Bar Association, the Arkansas Bar Foundation, the American Bar Association, and The Fellows of the American Bar Foundation.

"I view my service in the legal profession as one of public trust and serious responsibility. My experience has impressed me with the need for strong, just, and impartial court officials. This has guided me in fulfilling my duties on the bench," Pittman said. "I am honored and humbled to have a career in the noble work of the law."

A new judge from Judicial District One will be elected in May 2014, whose term will begin January 1, 2015. Judicial District One includes Clay, Craighead, Crittenden, Cross, Greene, Lonoke, Mississippi, Monroe, Poinsett, Prairie, White and Woodruff counties.

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